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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB CO
SUBJ: UTC-CTC LEADERS RECONCILED

1. LABATT HAS LEARNED FROM SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO BOTH THE CTC AND UTC THAT MERCADO AND CUEVAS MET WITH LABMIN ON JAN 24 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM CAUSED BY IAF GRANT TO UTC.

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, LABMIN ASSURED MERCADO THAT THE CTC WOULD SOMEHOW BE INCLUDED IN THE WORKERS BANK, AND OBTAINED A COMMITMENT FROM CUEVAS TO USE HIS INFLUENCE IN GETTING MERCADO APPOINTED TO THE BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. BANK IS SCHED TO BE DECREED FEB 5.

3. WHEN LABMIN ASKED MERCAO TO EXPLAIN HIS EMOTIONAL OUTBURST AGAINST THE BANK AND THE UTC-IAF AGREEMENT, MERCADO ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT LABATT HAD FED HIM FALSE INFO AND HAD URGED HIM TO ATTEMPT TO IMPEDE THE CREATION OF THE BANK. CUEVAS REPORTEDLY VOUCHED FOR MERCADO'S STATEMENT AND BOTH ACCUSED LABATT OF
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INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COLOMBIAN LABOR MOVE-

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MENT.

4. WE ASSUME THAT BOTH CUEVAS AND MERCADO WILL BRING UP "INTER-
FERENCE" WITH AIFLD AND THE AFL-CIO. DEPT HAS COMPLETE BACK-
GROUND ON PROBLEM. LABATT ACTED UNDER MY INSTRUCTIONS AND IN NO
WAY EXCEEDED HIS GUIDANCE OR ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL
MATTERS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT MERCADO APPROACHED
LABATT COMPLAINING THAT CUEVAS AND IAF HAD UPSET LONGSTANDING
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN TWO CONFEDERATIONS. LABATT'S ACTIVITIES
CONFINED TO EXPLORING FACTS OF CASE WITH BOTH UTC AND CTC.
THIS PROCESS RESULTED IN THE DIMINISHING OF THE TENSE SITUATION
BETWEEN CUEVAS AND MERCADO. UNFORTUNATELY, IN ATTACKING THE BANK
AND THE UTC-IAF AGREEMENT MERCADO PUT HIMSELF OUT ON A LIMB WITH
THE LABOR MINISTER. HE APPARENTLY IS TRYING TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF
WITH THE LABMIN BY USING THE LABATT AS A SCAPEGOAT.
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